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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 December 2001.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-48 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-48 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 April 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5 & 6.
4) ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. 9.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-48 are pending in the present application.

Drawings

2. The drawings were received on April 15, 2002. These drawings are approved.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claims 1 and 48, it is unclear as to how calculate/derive the similarity formula given the random mapping as cited on page 10 of the disclosure. How is the predetermined similarity value derived given the random mapping formula? Claims 2-11 are rejected based on dependency.

Regarding claim 2, there is a lack of antecedent basis for the following: "j+1 K" [note claim 2 line 4; claim 6 line 4; and claim 20 line].

Regarding claim 12, there is a lack of antecedent basis for the following: "the query vector" [note claim 12 line 11]. Claims 13-19 are rejected based on dependency.

Regarding claim 20, the reference numerals are vague and unclear, note claim 20 line 3-11]. It is unclear as to what elements the claim is referencing within the brackets. Claims 21-33 are rejected based on dependency.

Regarding claim 34 the following limitation is lacks proper antecedent basis: Q_e [Note claim 34 line 17]. Claims 35-47 are rejected based on dependency.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-48 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Hill US Patent 5,713,016

Chakrabarti et al. US Patent 6,189,005 B1

Baclawski US Patent 6,470,333 B1

Castelli et al. US Patent 6,134,541

Fayyad et al. US Patent 6,263,334 B1


Kaski, *Dimensionality Reduction by Random Mapping : Fast Similarity*

Computation for Clustering

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Greta L. Robinson whose telephone number is (703) 308-7565. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 9:30AM-6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John E. Breene can be reached on (703) 305-9790. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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